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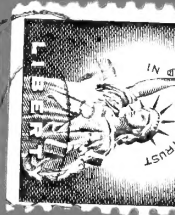
PRAIRIE GEM RANCH SEEDS

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SEEDS OF NATIVE PLANTS
especially of the High Plains, Badlands
and Black Hills

A select list containing many new and choice items, the "wildflowers" of relatively dry and mainly prairie regions. In their native haunts these plants choose well drained soils and situations. Similar placing will insure their success in the garden. Cultural details may be noted in our plant catalog.

All seeds require steady moisture for germination. Certain penstemons and some others are aided by months of freezing but most Great Plains seeds may be germinated freely indoors, or outdoors in spring with adequate moisture.

A few items always in demand are listed that are in short supply. Will you please name a few alternatives or specify, no substitutes.

Hardy Perennials, packet 25c except as noted:

- Agastache anethiodora*. Anise Hyssop. Tall fragrant herb, purple-blue spikes. June on.
- Allium cernuum*. Nodding Onion. Pearly pink umbels, July, 8-16". Easy, delightful.
- Allium geyeri*. Clear light pink, 8-16", June.
- Allium ostroskianum*. Pretty bright pink large floreted foreigner, 5".
- Allium perdulce* (nuttalli). Sand Onion. Nice fragrance, reddish pink, 5".
- Allium recurvatum superbum*, Pagosa Onion. 18", July, showy pink. Leaves straplike
- Allium textile*. Upright umbels of green ribbed white stars, 8", May.
- Anemone patens*. American Pasque. Broad stars of satiny lavender 2-4" wide, April-May.
- Anemone patens*. Rare pink form, 50c.
- Antennaria aprica*, Pussy-toes. Silvery very low ground cover, white or pinkish toes.
- Antennaria aprica*. Rare form with bright pink toes. 35c.
- Antennaria microphylla*. Extremely flat silvery mat, gray-white toes to 8".
- Antennaria obovata*. Like a larger *aprica* in leaf. gray toes to 10".
- Aquilegia latiuscula*, red and yellow Columbine. Much like *A. canadensis*. 24".
- Agemone intermedia*, Prickly Poppy. Crinkled 4" poppies of fresh white silk, all summer.
- Artemisia frigida*. Low soft silvery green mound. arching inflorescence to 14", Aug.
- Asclepias tuberosa*, Orange Milkweed. Drought enduring selection. Kansas plains. 24".
- Aster conspicuus*. Rare, handsome pinkish lavender, wide topped, to 20" or more. 50c.
- Aster kumleini*. Spectacular purple-blue masses. Inch wide, gold centered. September, 12-15".
- Aster meritus*. Pinkish violet in dense flat topped masses. blooming lavishly in July. 10".
- Aster ptarmicoides*. Excellent white with cream center. July-August, 10-14". Shade or sun.
- Astragalus crassicaupus*, Buffalo Pea. Pinkish blossoms, trailing stems, bright plumlike fruits.
- Brodiaea douglasii*. Bulb with clusters of lavender stars at 18", June.
- Callirhoe involucrata*, Poppy Mallow. 1½" cups in deep wine red, long season. Trailing stems 24".
- Calochortus gunnisonii*, Mariposa Tulip. Like a 3-petaled tulip, white, green base. 15", July.

Calochortus nuttalli. Sego Lily. Tuliplike, white with gold and maroon markings. June, 12".
Campanula petiolata. Western larger, more floriferous Harebell. 6-18". June-July.
Chrysopsis villosa, Golden Aster. Scintillating all gold masses, September. Grayish 12" plant.
Clematis fremonti. Nodding urns of purple, cream lined, leaves broadly ovate, grayish. 10".
Clematis pitcheri. Dull purple nodding urns. bright purple lined. Climbing vine to 8 ft.
Clematis scotti. Leather-flower. Blue urn blossoms, 10" glaucous plant. Novel, lovely, May.
C. scotti, in pink. Very rare, outstanding. 50c.
Clematis tenuiloba. Atragene type, thrilling nodding wide flaring purple. 8-10", June. 50c.
Crepis occidentalis. Bright yellow clustered daisies at 10", June. Good effect.
Delphinium menziesi. Blue to purple velvety stars on low branching plant. 12", June.
Dodecatheon pulchellum (pauciflorum.) Shooting Stars. Lavender-rose and gold, May, 4-10".
Drymocallis fissa. Buttercup yellow clusters of small roses, May-June. 10-12".
Echinacea angustifolia. Bold pink daisies, mahogany centered. 12-16", July. Splendid show.
Erigeron asper. Very lovely shaggy rayed daisy in bright lavender, June, 10".
Erigeron macranthus. Inch wide blue and gold in masses. 14-18", August.
Erigeron montanensis. New. Little one in white and gold, June and later, 5-7". Quite good.
Erigeron scribneri. Most charming and gay rock daisy in white and gold, June, 4-5".
Erythronium mesochorium. Hardy bulb of Kansas prairies. Nodding, recurved, white, 4", July.
Gaillardia aristata. Selection with much red in 2½" yellow daisies. To 18", long season.
Gutierrezia sarothrae, Golden Dome. Vivid green rounded bushlets, turning to gold, Sept. 12".
Hedeoma comporum, Pennyroyal. Little lavender mint florets in long season. Fine fragrance. 8".
Hymenoxys acaulis (*Actinea simplex*) Fine yellow daisies above silvery rosettes, June on. 8".
Hymenoxys richardsoni. New. Numerous yellow daisies to 7-8". June-July. Foliage green.
Ipomoea leptophylla. Big-root Bush Morning-glory. Large bush, fine purple-red trumpets.
Iris flavissima, Sand Iris. Dainty bright yellow little one, Hungary and east, 5".
Iris missouriensis. Slender foliage and silvery blue flower. 10-16", late June, delightful.
Iris missouriensis. Lovely albino with showy gold splash in falls. Somewhat dwarf. 50c.
Lathyrus incanus, Sand Pea. Large purple-rose pea blossoms, clusters. Glaucous plant. 4-8". May.
Leucocrinum montanum. Sand Lily. Fragrant waxy white little lilies from the ground. 4", May. Small stock, rarely obtainable seed. 50c.
Lewisia rediviva. Bitter-root. Glorious carmine pink 3" blossoms at the ground, June.
Lesquerella spatulata, Bladder-pod. Choicest small northern yellow crucifer. 5", June.
Liatris ligulistylis, Blazing Star. Inch wide heads of fine rose-purple. 12-20", July.
Liatris punctata. Dwarf Gayfeather. Small heads closely set in spikes. Purple, 14", August.
Liatris pycnostachya. Tall Gayfeather. Spectacular silvery purple spikes to 30" or more, Sept.
Linum lewisi. Wild Blue Flax. Dainty morning blossoms of light blue. 16". Long season.

- Mertensia lanceolata*, Prairie Bluebell. Easy species of rock garden scale. 10". May-June.
- Mirabilis multiflora*, Four-o'clock. Long season magenta-purple. 15", spread 30" or more.
- Nothocalais cuspidata*. 2" wide flowers of shining gold from the ground. 2-8", April-May.
- Nuttallia decapetala*, Evening Star. 10-pointed 4" creamy stars. To 28". Seldom perennial.
- Nuttallia stricta*. Perennial. Creamy stars 2" or more wide. 24". Long late season.
- Oenothera brachycarpa*. 4" primrose yellow inverted parachutes. Night blooming. To 6".
- Oe. caespitosa*, Gumbo Lily. 3 to 4". white, fragrant. To 5". Long season like all *Oenotheras*.
- Oe. fremonti*, Marvelous large light primrose yellow, narrow silvery leaves. To 5". 50c.
- Oe. missouriensis incana*. Large yellow. Stems well erect, to 10" leaves broad, grayish.
- Oe. oklahomensis*. Dozens of large yellow blossoms all summer. Wide plant, to 16" high.
- Oxytropis lamberti*, Purple Loco. Showy purple-red spires to 12", June. Silvery pinnate leaves.
- Oxytropis sericea*. Larger lower inflorescence, more silvery foliage. Selected pink. May.
- Penstemon albidus*. Large flowered white, June.
- P. albertinus*. Most vivid blue, 10". June. 35c.
- P. alpinus*. Large flowered deep blue, like a lower glaber. Usually 12".
- P. aridus*. Charming low blue, 5". June. 35c.
- P. angustifolius*. Melting deep azure, 12". June. Wide closely packed spires, large flowered.
- P. angustifolius*, very select albino. 35c.
- P. crandalli* var. *glabrescens*; and var. *taosensis*. Identical bushlets, 5", one greener, other gray. Winning racemes of blue, unlike *crandalli*. 35c.
- P. eriantherus*. Large flowered warm lavender. 6-12", June.
- P. glaber*. Deep blue, large flowered. July. 18-24". Often reblooming. Foliage dark.
- P. glaber*, a happy new break to pink. Lower.
- P. gracilis*. Lavender or amethyst, graceful small flowered kind of easy culture. 10".
- P. grandiflorus*. Very large, rich lavender, June, to 30" or more. Glaucous spoonlike leaves.
- P. grandiflorus* albino, a treasure among white flowers. 20% or more true.
- P. nitidus*. Brilliant blue, large, May. Select dwarf strain, usually 8-10". Glaucous plant.
- P. nitidus*, beautiful pink break.
- P. secundiflorus*. Fine large reddish lavender, to 18". Arching stems, glaucous.
- P. strictus*, plus s. *strictiflorus*. Moderately tall, Slender, fine blue, 20-24".
- P. virens*. Delightful easy, smaller kind, deep purple-blue, 8-10". Forming wide mats.
- Penstemon Viehmeyer* hybrid. *Grandiflorus* type in rose pink. Very nice.
- Psoralea esculenta*, Indian Turnip. Pomme Blanche. Mauve peas aging to buff. 8-10".
- Ptilocalais nutans*. Chicory type heads in yellow, long spring season, dainty, grassy, to 10".
- Ruellia ciliosa*. Inch and a half bright lavender petunia in long season. Branching, to 12".
- Schrankia uncinata*, Sensitive Briar. Spherical fluffs of rich pink, fragrant. Long trailing.
- Sedum stenopetalum*. July blossoms that glow like small golden fires. Inconspicuous plant. 5".
- Sisyrinchium campestre*. A very lovely one of the grass flowers. Either white or light blue. 8".
- Solidago pallida*, Plume Goldenrod. Light gold, fragrant, beautiful, non-spreading. 16". Sept.

Townsendia exscapa, Easter Daisy. Large stemless pink daisies on a bun of narrow leaves, 2".
Townsendia hookeri (sericea.) Lower, grayer, smaller, earlier. April. Rare pink form, 50c.
Verbena bipinnatifida. Continuous show, bright lilac blue, May-October. By June from seed.
Viola adunca. Willing little fellow in deep blue.
V. jooi. A pinkish foreigner that makes a great show for its size.
V. nuttalli. Brilliant yellow of the sun drenched prairies. Long season. For poor soil.
V. pedatifida. Divided leafed, large flowered, light violet to deeper. Well displayed.
V. vallicola. Closely resembling *nuttalli*, for richer, moister situation.
Yucca glauca. Northernmost yucca, bayonet leaves to 20", creamy or greenish white lilies to 36".

Hardy Cacti, at 25c the packet

Coryphantha vivipara. Ball, to 3" or more, carmine flowers on top, June.
Echinocereus fendleri. Small barrel type, 4" or more, large trumpets of light purple.
Echinocereus reichenbachii. Barrel to 4-5", well clothed with short spines. Reddish lavender.
Echinocereus trigochidiatus, (form.) Scarlet flowered, mutiple crown making. 4-5".
Neobesseya missouriensis. Ball, to 2" or more, yellow blossoms, top, May. Bright red fruits.
Opuntia aurea. Beaver-tail type, spineless prickly pear, with luminous rich yellow blossoms.
O. compressa. Small bladed almost spineless form. Free flowering yellow. 4".
O. fragilis. Midget prickly pear with glossy blossoms 2" or more wide, June. 2-4".
O. humifusa. Collected, likely with orange based yellow petals. Large flowered kind, late June.
O. phaeacantha. Very large pads, 5-6" or more, medium sized yellow flowers. Hardy. 8-10".
O. polyacantha. Very spiny kind, large flowered, average yellow color. Height 4-5".
O. polyacantha. Carmine flowered, a very brilliant show. Smallish very spiny pads.
O. polyacantha. Orange flowered form and fine.
O. rutila. Medium sized carmine blossoms, narrow pads. Rapid grower. To 5".
Sclerocactus whipplei. Barrel to 7-8". Circle of showy purplish blossoms on crown.

Hardy Shrub Seeds, at 25c the packet

Atriplex canescens. Salt Bush. Sagey appearing plant of long season gray-green, to 30".
Chrysothamnus graveolens. Rabbit Brush. To 36". Ablaze with golden-like bloom, September.
Eurotia lanata. Winter-fat. Densely branching, sagey gray, white seed tufts in fall. 12-16".
Rosa arkansana 'J.W. Fargo.' Very lovely double pink wild rose, 14". Mostly double from seed.
Rosa blanda. 5-petaled white wild rose. Usually 20" or less, nearly spineless.
Sarcobatus vermiculatus, Greasewood. Spiny desert type, 30-48". Slightly glaucous green.



